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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
YAMAMURA ET AL.

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Application No.: 09/522,020

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed: March 8, 2000

Examiner: Hoffmann, J.M.

For: GLASS ROD MANUFACTURING METHOD AND GLASS ROD  
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

**FEES**

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	12	- 20	= 0	X \$ 18.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	1	- 3	= 0	X \$ 86.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 290.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 0.00

**FEE PAYMENT**

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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Response and Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated October 8, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.